

# LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

## Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **June 24, 2003**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **8**

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Public hearing to amend the FY 2003 Solid Waste Management Fund Operating Budget and Appropriate Funds**

### RECOMMENDATION:

Public hearing to amend the budget and appropriate \$1,180,000 for the purchase of new refuse trucks, the retro-fitting of existing refuse trucks for the conversion to the semi-automated refuse collection process, the purchase of new residential trash carts and funding for the public information campaign.

### SUMMARY:

During the past year, City Council has reviewed and discussed many options regarding Solid Waste residential services. As noted below under prior actions, City Council has reviewed and resolved several residential issues. City Council has directed staff to proceed with the necessary purchases of trucks and residential trash carts to implement semi-automated residential refuse collection by October 1, 2003.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Solid Waste Management Fund will become more stable with the anticipated implementation of the Solid Waste flat fee in January 2004. The use of funds from the Undesignated Solid Waste Management Operating Fund Balance is necessary in order to acquire the trucks and trash carts. Listed below are the projected expenses related to the implementation of the semi-automated system:

#### Impact on Expenses

##### One-Time Expenses

♦ New Refuse Trucks	\$ 420,000
♦ Retro-fitting existing refuse trucks	\$ 50,000
♦ Trash carts	\$ 660,000
♦ Public Information Campaign	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
Total	\$ 1,180,000

### CONTACT(S):

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### ATTACHMENT(S):

Resolution  
Prior Actions

REVIEWED BY: lkp

Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED That the FY 2003 Solid Waste Management Operating Budget is hereby amended, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That \$1,180,000 is appropriated to the Solid Waste Management Operating Fund with resources of \$1,180,000 from the Undesignated Solid Waste Management Operating Fund Balance for the purchase of new refuse trucks, retro-fitting of existing refuse trucks, purchase of residential trash carts and a Public Information Campaign.

Introduced:

Adopted:

Certified:

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Clerk of Council

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Attachment #1  
Solid Waste Management Changes  
Prior Actions

May 28, 2002 – City Council approved user rates for tires, commercial, industrial and sludge and landfill tipping fee rates.

June 25, 2002 – City Council reviewed solid waste services and payment methods and directed staff to hold citizen meetings and discuss these issues and bring back their feedback and input.

October 29, 2002 – City Council reviewed citizen feedback and input regarding solid waste services and payment methods. Council also discussed the current services and possible changes, as well as funding options.

November 5, 2002 – City Council reviewed Solid Waste Management issues including restricting residential refuse collection to single and multi-family complexes up to four units. City Council approved the change in collection beginning with the implementation of the semi-automated collection system.

December 10, 2002 – City Council approved the following actions:

- The implementation of semi-automated refuse collection.
- Free decals will be distributed to the disadvantaged, elderly on tax relief and the residents of the Tyreeanna/Pleasant Valley neighborhoods.
- City residents will be allowed one free trip per month to the landfill up to 250 lbs. (excludes brush and bulk trips)
- City residents will be allowed to bring to the landfill all bulk and brush without charge; (this would not count as the free monthly trip).
- The initial cost of the uniform trashcans and upgrade/purchase of semi-automated trash trucks will be paid for out of the Undesignated Solid Waste Fund Balance.
- Operation Plant-A-Tree funds collected as a result of the recycling drop-off program will continue to go to Solid Waste (Special Revenue Fund).

January 28, 2003 – City Council approved the following actions:

- The size of the trash carts (32 and 64 gallon) that the City will provide to its residents. The residents will be allowed to select the appropriate size cart for their household.
- The current trash tag / decal system will remain in place and the current \$0.95 tag or \$40 annual decal will be required for use on the 32 gallon cart; either two \$0.95 tags or one \$1.90 tag will be required on the 64 gallon cart or two \$40 annual decals or an \$80 decal will be required. Residents placing bags out for collection will be required to attach a \$0.95 trash tag to the bag.
- A new \$5.00 solid waste fee will be charged to all single-family households and to multi-family complexes up to four units in size utilizing City trash collection services. The Billings and Collections Division will add this fee to the current utility bill for payment. It will be necessary to create a solid waste billing system for those single family households currently not using City water or sewer.
- Increased administrative and personnel costs in the Billings and Collections Division as well as the Utility Department were agreed upon. Two new positions in the Billings and Collections Division will be funded as well as increased overtime in the Utility Meter Reader Section up to \$5,000 will be paid by the Solid Waste Management Fund.

May 27, 2003 – City Council reviewed the proposed changes to the City Code and received an update from City staff regarding the implementation of semi-automated refuse collection and the residential solid waste user fee (\$5.00).